



The selection of Mr. Charles W. Anderson as committeeman at large by the state committee of New York will give very general satisfaction to the rank and file of the colored voters of the Empire State. Mr. Anderson is eminently qualified for the duties of this position and we are sure that under his direction the interests of the Negroes of the state will not suffer.

The unanimity with which the white republicans of New York got together at Saratoga during the recent convention there to nominate a governor and state officers is an object lesson to colored men in the party in the state who have a weakness for cut throat politics and whose inordinate ambition and transparent incompetency as leaders are the true reasons why the New York Negro makes no substantial progress in state politics, added to these is jealousy and the New York Negro is not altogether alone, there are others. If they have read the papers they will have seen how the white republicans of the state stoop to conquer and if they have any political sense worth using they will imitate the methods of the white republicans at Saratoga and get together this fall. The Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff who has the unprecedented honor of being nominated for a third term as Lieutenant Governor of New York is as fine a gentleman, and as thorough republican as ever lived. Like General Grant he remembers his friends and will go out of his way to do them a favor. He will be a three times winner.

That sterling republican the Hon. John T. McDonough secretary of state of New York was re-nominated by acclamation to succeed himself. Mr. McDonough will be held in grateful remembrance by the Negroes of this state and of the country for his bold, vigorous and masterful exhortation of the South at Elmira some time since, which excited so much favorable comment by the press. Mr. McDonough still believes that the danger to the republic is not past while the rights of any citizen are denied by force or fraud or arbitrary legislation. And Mr. McDonough is right. Pretty soon the war of rebellion will have to be fought over again. If this thing keeps up.

Senator John Raines of the 42d district is responsible for the following paragraphs in the splendid platform adopted by the republicans of New York at Saratoga, September 4th:

"But, conscious of the weakness of relying on the theories that have been exploded and of ignoring facts that are self evident, the democrats are undertaking to push into conspicuous position before the people an issue which they describe and stigmatize by the word 'imperialism.'"

In this course they are characteristically dishonest; first, because there is

no sentiment in the United States that deserves to be called 'imperialism,' and, second, because the democrats do not come with clean hands into a discussion of popular sovereignty and the 'consent of the governed.'

Neither in the Philippines nor elsewhere will the cause of human liberty look for its champion to a party whose only hope of obtaining power lies in the suppression of human rights, and in an organized conspiracy to nullify the guarantees with which the constitution endeavors to surround the citizen. From thousands of polling places in this election, in which the democratic party is so much concerned about the 'consent of the governed,' the Negro citizen will be excluded by laws so contrived as to keep out the Negro republican while admitting the white democrat, though both present themselves with similar qualifications except as to color. The party which will not allow the constitution to follow the flag through the Carolinas, through Mississippi, and Texas has no occasion to distress itself about the Constitution's journey 4,000 miles across the ocean."

The democratic spouters should commit this to memory, it is worth remembering because it is as exact as a problem in mathematics.

Boss Croker, the brains of Tammany Hall in a confab with Captain Jackson of the Belle Meade Stock Farm about the latter's recent interview which was not flattering to Bryan, said with a great show of anger "the man who votes for McKinley, votes for murder. This imperialism which means the shooting down of Negroes in the Philippine Islands is nothing less than murder." That's all rot said Captain Jackson and he banged his fist on a chair. Mr. Croker walked away and said no more.

What would Mr. Croker call his white democratic brethren of the South, who also shoot down Negroes? What name would he apply to the Tammany terriers in brass buttons who club Negroes into insensibility in New York right under his pug nose? Who told Mr. Croker that the Philippines are Negroes any now? And what does he or his party care for the Negroes?

The census of 1890 shows that the foreign population of New York City was 639,943, against a native population of 875,358, and in the administration of the cities affairs the Irish are on top. Those that have not won aldermanic honors are either on the police force as private, captains or station keepers. The Tammany police force belong in this category. They have been on top of New York Negroes recently with their night sticks and handled the latter as expertly as though they were twirling the shillelah at Donnybrook fair. There is only about 400,000 Irish left on the "ould sod." The other part of its population has moved to this country.

It is enough to make a horse laugh hoarsely to read about Mr. Croker protesting against the shooting down of Negroes in the Philippine Islands especially when no Negroes have been shot down. Is Mr. Croker joking or just funing?

Mr. Edgars L. Palacios whew! what name and Mme Berry, "The Black Melba" agonized a few in the pulpit of the A. M. E. Zion church at Saratoga on the 4th instant in the presence of a patient and long suffering "awjence." The gentleman with the palatial name undertook to "excite" selections from Shakespeare—the closet scene from Hamlet and Tom Taylor's "Fools Revenge."

The lady rendered or tried to some

nameless solo's which would have been much more enjoyable if she had taken the precaution to oil her vocal tubes before perpetrating them. Mr. Polly Ace wont make a bloomin success reciting Shakespeare until he has studied Shakespeare and elocution or elocution and Shakespeare. Look out for another Ira Aldridge. He's coming down the pike. BRUCE GRIT.

#### The Lane That Had No Turning.

Since adventuring into Egypt in quest of the raw material of which fiction is made, Mr. Gilbert Parker's Canadian fields have been lying fallow. He returns to them, however, with new vigor, and even fuller power; and the serial which he has just completed finds him at the highest dramatic level to which he has yet attained.

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The Lane that Had No Turning will begin in The Saturday Evening Post for September 29, and run through five number.

#### The Negro Exhibit at the Paris Exhibition.

"The Academy," the leading literary paper in England, speaks most enthusiastically of the Book exhibit by Negro authors at Paris, and pays a high tribute to Mr. Daniel Murray of Washington Library of Congress, for the thoroughness in which he did the work on the eleven hundred titles represented. The notice is a very flattering one, one third of a column is devoted to it. Mr. Murray has added fully three hundred additional titles, to the number mentioned above.

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